



The Quilt Line



Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild

October 2016

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you receive your newsletter by snail mail, as of January 1, 2017, you will need to submit 12 pre-addressed, pre-posted letter sized envelopes to Lois Kirkwood by January 1, 2017 in order to continue to receive mailed copies. Thank you.

President's Message:

Dear Friends,

Our Guild is moving into the last phase of our calendar—and I think it may be my favorite season for our Guild. After summer fun, we go back to school with two speaker meetings in the fall. Last month we enjoyed an outstanding presentation from Michelle McLaughlin on embroidery techniques in quilts. This month we look forward to JoAnn Lepore's presentation on her quilting journey. November brings our Ornament Workshop meeting, always a great time to slow down a bit, enjoy sewing together and enjoy a social meeting where we learn some new skills. And then December! You will find more in this Newsletter about our Christmas Party at Peppe's Ristorante in December. Please don't be too busy or too shy to gather with your Guild and celebrate the holidays. It seems to me that every year the party is more enjoyable, the friendships deeper and the time together sweetly memorable.

As to whether this is actually my favorite season of our Guild, forgive me if I make the same claim in the spring, as we approach our 2017 Challenge, the Guild Anniversary and our spring speakers.....

Thanks for all you do for Guild, and thanks for your enduring friendship!

Jane Maughan

Check out the web page at www.thepmqg.com

Minutes:

Our guild meeting was called to order at 6:30 and opened with our guest speaker, Michelle McLoughlin. She presented many beautiful quilts. Her lecture was called "Embroidery with Quilting" and the history of the two subjects and how they mesh together.

Refreshments were provided by guild officers.

Lois presented the Challenge for our guild. In May or June the quilts will be hung in Pocono Cinema. The inspiration for the challenge is a film poster.

Report by board member, Mary Santoro- asked to send dues through her first, preferably using a check and then she hands the checks over to Marie Guidry. After hearing the treasurer's report a motion was made by Marie Shriever and seconded by Lois Kirkwood to approve it.

It was mentioned that a calendar of our meetings is posted on the website.

We have chairs for every committee and they are listed on the newsletters.

Budget Committee- they are working currently on the budget. If you want to give input or have a suggestion to change please contact by email : Jane, Marie, or Peggy.

For Quilter's Bingo members were asked to volunteer to run it the next time we have one.

Flowers were presented to Lorraine to say thanks for the many years she typed and send out the newsletter.

Show and Tell of a quilt made by guild members for Christine. Blocks were put together by members Jane M, Anne Marie K, Sarah P., and Judy M.

The quilt was machine quilted by Laura L.

Audit Committee report from Lorraine Hare reiterated that money is to come through Mary Santoro in a check if possible and then it is sent on to Marie Guidry.

Charity Quilts/Block of the month Committee is headed by Laura Lyman. She showed a couple examples of our first block. Blocks will be put together for Quilts of Valor. Any questions ask Laura please.

Hospitality Committee asked that members bring their own drinks (water, soda, etc.) and sign up to bring refreshments in.

Laura Lyman informed our members about the Veterans Pillowcase Project. If interested call Laura for measurements and she'll bring instruction sheets to show us.

Sheri Seip made a motion for our meeting to adjourn and Laura Lyman seconded the motion.

Show and Tell- Quilts were shown by Sheri Seip, Mary Santoro, Jen Walker, Donna Faulstick, Marie Shriever.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Doll, Secretary

Calendar:

November 2 - Board Meeting 6:00 pm in the Library Board Room

November 9 - Ornament Workshop

This year we will be making a simple snowflake embroidered ornament. Each kit will cost \$3.00 and will include everything needed to make the ornament: 3" hoop, thread, needle, embellishments, backing and ribbon. Members will only need basic sewing supplies such as a small scissor. We will also have fabric makers for those members who would prefer not to do hand embroidery. No sign up will be necessary. There will be 60 kits available- one for any interested members and extras for purchase.

December 7 - Annual Holiday Party at 6:00 P.M.

Peppe's Bistro, East Stroudsburg

This year the dinner will cost each member \$20 which must be paid in advance to Kathy Parrish. The guild will be paying \$5.00 towards each member's meal. Please try to pay with a check if possible. Payment is needed by November 15. The meal will include soup, salad, entree, dessert and tea/coffee. Members have a choice of three different entrees. Sign up sheets will be available at the October and November general membership meetings. We will be having a tricky tray and exchanging the "Cup of Kindness" gift swap.

Entrée choices:

Chicken Scarpariello sauteed with Italian sausage, olive oil and garlic

Chicken Parmigiana with linguine marinara

Chicken Marsala in a wine and mushroom sauce

December 7 -Holiday Dinner Tricky Tray

As with what has become an annual tradition we will have a tricky tray raffle at the holiday dinner on 12/7/16. Members are encouraged to bring a basket or a gift which members at the dinner can try to win. At previous dinners members have brought wine, chocolate, fabric, sewing items, holiday decorations, plants, quilted items and many other ideas. It is fun for all with many members winning little treasures to take home. The money generated by the tricky tray is then donated to a local worthy cause which will be chosen by the members.

December 7 - Cup of Kindness

In December 2014, Past President Lois Kirkwood introduced a lovely new idea for our annual Christmas Party that has become a fun and popular tradition.

Members bring a “cup of kindness”—a cup of some kind (we’ve seen lots of beautiful tea-cups, mugs and even one chamber pot), containing sweets, small items, sewing notions, or anything your imagination creates. Members wrap their “cup of kindness” and we all put them on a table at the party. Participating members take a number and during dinner we each pick a numbered bag/box and share a cup of kindness. Be sure to include a signed note in your wrapped “cup of kindness” so that the recipient can know the gift is from you. Our Vice President and the Hospitality Committee will be ready to accept and number your package.

This year we plan to continue our singing tradition by closing the evening with a candlelight carol of “Auld Lang Syne.” So share a cup of kindness and a song this year with your Guild.

Treasurer’s Report for OCTOBER 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016 Activity

Beginning Balance		\$7,496.71
Income:	Membership	375.00
	Ways & Means	20.00
	Total income:	\$395.00
Expenses:	Ck #	
	1140 Mary Santoro - Copies	6.18
	1141 Michele McLaughlin - Speaker	321.98
	Total expenses:	328.16
Ending Balance		\$7,563.55

Submitted by Marie Guidry

Activities:

Tea Time: The Tea Social starts at 6:00 P.M. and gives members the chance to arrive early, socialize and enjoy a cup of tea. Members bring their own favorite mugs. Various teas, sugar and milk are supplied. Our speaker meetings and programs have run more smoothly, with fewer distractions, since members have had the opportunity to socialize before the program.

Wear Your Name Tag: Please wear your name tag to help everyone greet and speak to each other by name. If you forget your name tag, stop at the Sign up Sheet for a paper Hello My Name Is tag!

Celebration Quilts:

Do you have a special occasion coming up? Or know someone that does? Let us help you celebrate. The birth of a baby; a wedding; a 25th anniversary; a 50th or 60th anniversary are important occasions. **It is important to celebrate.**

Contact Sheri Seip

PMQG Committees

Last month, I encouraged all PMQ members to honor the mandate of our Bylaws and become active on a Guild Committee. To be sure that my entreaty is fair and clear, I've summarized the Committee's below. You can check the list of Committee Chairs in this Newsletter to learn who the current Committee Chairs are. Then please approach a Committee Chair and offer your help!

Charity Quilts/Block of the Month: This year we have merged Charity Quilts and Block of the Month. We will be making blocks for Quilts of Valor each month. Quilts of Valor is a separate organization from PMQ; it accepts quilts for veterans of military service. You can participate in this Committee by agreeing to help with the assembly of the blocks and the binding of the quilts created from the Blocks of the Month made by our Guild members.

Celebration Quilts: We make special quilts for our own members at significant times in their lives, including special wedding anniversaries and the birth of children. You can participate in this Committee by assisting with the creation of these quilts.

Bingo Committee: In 2016, PMQ held our first Bingo event and thanks to the hard work of many members, led by Marie Schriever and Marianne Bridge, it was a great success. This year, Kathy Parrish and I have stepped up to serve PMQ as chairs. We will need active support for this Committee as this will be our major fund raising event of 2017. Commencing with our January meeting, Bingo Committee meetings will be held at 5:30 P.M. right before our regular Member Meetings. Please come early, become active on this Committee and help with this important 2017 fund-raising event.

Hospitality Committee: At every Member Meeting we enjoy refreshments. In addition to volunteering to bring something for the refreshment table from time to time, you can assist the Committee by helping out with the planning and organizing.

Helping Hands: Our Helping Hands Committee welcomes new members and provides them with information about our Guild. Very soon our Helping Hands Committee will be providing new and existing members with a pattern for our Guild name tag. You can help

our Helping Hands Committee by making sure all new members and guests feel welcome and by speaking with them about our Guild and its activities.

Publicity: Our Publicity Committee puts notices in local media about our regular Member Meetings and our special events. You can help the Publicity Committee by joining in and expanding our efforts to make sure the community knows what PMQ is doing.

Challenge Committee: Every year we have a Guild challenge – an opportunity for members to make a wall hanging quilt based on a set of rules and guidelines. Sometimes each member must use a particular fabric or fabrics in their Challenge quilt. Sometimes the Challenge is based on a theme or idea. You can help the Challenge Committee by assisting in the organization and hanging of the Challenge quilts.

Activities Committee: Our Vice President is responsible for all the planning of our speakers and activities at our Member Meetings. Most guilds recognize that the most difficult job is that of the Activities Chairperson. You can help with the Activities Committee by volunteering to help our Vice President in the organization and execution of our meeting activities.

Jane Maughan

October Birthdays:

Kathleen Rambo October 3

Bea Neffue October 19

Mary Dickison October 26

October Anniversaries:

No anniversaries for October

For your Information:

Regarding member Vertie Knapp – from a message received by Louise Price:

Vertie is home from nursing home. She has lung cancer and is refusing treatment. She's in her home where she wants to be and is in good spirits. She's getting around with a walker. Contact information is: Phone 570-992-6485 Address 805 Lower Cherry Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360-6810.

The **Guild website** can be found at www.thepmqg.com. The current program calendar is updated on the website every month and the current newsletter is available as a link to a pdf file.

Editor's Note:

If you have something you want included in the newsletter please forward to kre8f1@yahoo.com Articles such as recipes or quilt shows/events, tricks or tips, news about members are due to the Editor by the first Wednesday of the month.

Officers:

President	Jane Maughan
Vice President	Kathy Parrish
Treasurer (Acting)	Marie Guidry
Secretary	Linda Doll
Financial Secretary	Mary Santoro

Committees:

Activities	Kathy Parrish
Historian/Photos	Lorraine Hare
Celebration Quilts	Sheri Seip
Helping Hands	Peggy P. Chiniewicz
Ways & Means	Kathleen Rambo / Mary Santoro
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